

**ABSTRACT**

5 A personal communications earpiece (10, 10a) for use with a personal  
communications device such as a telephone (50). The personal communications  
earpiece (10, 10a) has an ear hook (12) for placing over an ear (60) of the user. An ear  
bud (14) containing a speaker (27) is both physically and electrically connected to the  
ear hook (12) by a flexible connector (16). A front portion (22) of the ear hook (12)  
extends generally downward in front of the ear (60). The ear bud (14) has an in ear  
10 portion (28) with a plurality of grooves (30) therein for assisting in preventing the ear  
bud (14) from completely blocking or occluding the ear canal of the user.